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SATURDAY and NEXT WEEK

We make a second cut in the prices of our JACKETS, CAPES and FUR COLLARETTES. With nearly three months of winter before you, here's an opportunity to buy a stylish garment at less than half the cost. Nothing held back; everything in the department at a great sacrifice, to close them out.

JACKETS

At \$8.00 All of our best coats that retailed from \$14.00 to \$20.00. At present we have all sizes up to 40 bust. This price does not actually pay for the material.

At \$3.75 All coats that sold from \$6.00 to \$10.00 in Boucles, Kerseys and Cheviots. All sizes up to 45-in. bust. This is about the same as giving them away.

SILK WAISTS:

\$5.00 black and changeable Taffeta Waists, detachable self collar, the kind that wear, \$3.75
\$6.00 fancy Silk Waists at \$4.00

THE E. C. NICHOLS CO.

BREWERS LOCALS.

Mr. William F. D. Connor has returned from a visit to O. land.

Mr. F. H. Higgins is home from a business trip in Arkostock county.

Mr. S. J. Bickman, of Ellington, is visiting A. J. man and Mrs. E. M. Gray in this city.

Mr. D. L. Locke, of Michigami, was in the city Friday the guest of Mrs. Samuel Woodbury on Center and Cedar streets.

Pequot county Farmers' strike will meet today with Riverside grange at North Brewer. A fine programme has been arranged for the evening, and a delicious dinner will be served.

About fifty members of the degree team of Wilsey Lodge, L. O. O. F., of this city, went to O. land last night, to the electric, to install the newly elected officers of Tarnstone Lodge of that place. A fine supper was served at the installation and the party returned at a late hour. The evening was pronounced a most enjoyable one.

The lecture to be delivered in City Hall next Monday night by Rev. Geo. D. L. Lundy, of Waterville, for the benefit of the O. B. C. Association will doubtless be largely attended. Mr. Lundy's subject will be "Humble, Bones, Winkles and ——" The "part" of the lecture has created no little amount of curiosity, and all are anxiously waiting to learn its significance. The admission will be 25 cents.

There was a quiet wedding Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. Otto V. Peterson at Blake street, when his daughter, Miss Anna L. Peterson, was united to Mr. Frank J. Bell, of Bangor. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. H. Merrill, pastor of the First Congregational church, and in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride is a well known young lady with the groom is an enterprising young man. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have the congratulations of all their friends for a long and happy wedded life.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Richard D. Harlow, whose death occurred in this city Wednesday, was held from the residence of her son, Henry A. Harlow, on Main street Friday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. Rev. B. H. Merrill, pastor of the First Congregational church, officiated at the funeral services. The burial was in the cemetery at 2 o'clock.

South Brewer Congregational church, P. M. service, 7:30. Sabbath school, 11:45 A. M.; evening service, 6:30 P. M.

The weekly meeting of the Pine Grove Christian Endeavor Society will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Pine Grove Hall on the Pierce road.

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THE COTTON STRIKE.

Reports of the Situation at the Several Cities.

Fear that General Strike is Impending Growing at Fall River.

Boston, Jan. 21.—Reports this morning from the various New England points at which strikes are in progress among the cotton mill operatives were, in substance, little changed with the possible exception of Fall River, where the feeling that a general strike is impending, seems to be growing stronger.

It was announced today that the members of the King Philip mill from which the spinners went out last Saturday, will make a formal demand for the restoration of the old rate of wages and will join the spinners if they are refused.

At the same time the spinners of the Haverhill and Lowell mills are reported to be weakening on account of lack of organization and some of them have gone back to work after having been out two days.

The order which was introduced in the state senate yesterday calling for a general investigation of the causes which led to the recent reduction in wages throughout the north, has excited great interest in New Bedford and discussion of the matter was general today.

Mr. Barry of the state board of arbitration who has been at New Bedford since yesterday afternoon, today seemed likely to meet with success in his effort to have the opportunity to the spinning women withdrawn as an issue of the day.

If this is done the situation will be greatly simplified and the way for compromise in the matter of wages, it is thought, will be opened thereby.

The cotton mills now closed on account of strikes include, in addition to the King Philip, the Popper and Loring mills at Fall River, the York mills at Saco, the Andover mills at Andover, the Cabot at Brunswick, the Granite City at Granite, Vt., and the White Rock plant at Western, R. I. In addition, portions of the mills out at the King Philip, the Granite No. 1 and Laurel Lake mills at Fall River.

The total number of operatives at those points who are at present involved in strikes is estimated at between 15,000 and 16,000.

The contemplated closing of the Globe mills of the Salem Mill, Co. at Woburn, Mass., for a while, as announced last night, is not due to labor troubles but to the unsatisfactory condition of the market.

At Fall River.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 21.—The workers of the King Philip mill had a meeting last evening and decided to ask for the restoration of the old wages. If their request is refused they will seek permission to strike. A special meeting of the union will be held next Monday night to consider the matter and if it is decided to strike, it will be a general strike.

But as the spinners' strike still continues in force, it is unlikely that the workers of the mill will be out of work for long. The feeling at the mill is strongly in favor of a general strike and the workers are confident that the restoration of wages is a matter of time.

It is a rare occurrence that the House and Senate meet together but when they do it is generally for a matter of great importance. In the labor department today, the House and Senate met together to consider the bill for the restoration of wages.

A petition directed to Hon. Newell Powers, Governor of Maine, is being circulated among the leading professional and business men in Bath, respectfully petitioning for the reappointment of the Hon. E. B. Foster as Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The rails for the new electric road are on hand and so the first of each week to settle the bill, says the Bath Times. L. C. Libby, B. C. Libby, and J. C. Libby, who are the owners of the road, are now in the city to settle the bill.

The lodge of Old Fellows at Harmony has bought the shares of all members of the Grange Hall corporation. The Old Fellows had owned the larger portion of the shares, and now they own the whole. They propose to change the name of the corporation to the Old Fellows' Grange.

A Bethel man who is familiar with Maine's great spruce timber region, tells the Bangor Daily News that a new growth of this timber follows cutting very quickly unless it gets into a swamp. The land cleared only a few years ago now is covered with a thick growth of spruce, and in the course of 100 years the timber will be as good as new.

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A farmer who went to Waterville early Wednesday morning and gave his horse a box of cracked corn on the square, forgot to let down the head of the horse. He went into a store and when he came out a flock of 200 English sparrows was making a breakfast of the cracked corn. The farmer was regarding them with startled eyes.

The most persistent worker in Maine has been heard from. He is George E. Allen, of Saco, who has kept diary for 24 years. The book contains information which is of the utmost value to Mr. Allen and is worth all the effort which it cost him.

The influx of tramps to the county jail at Skowhegan has subsided of late. There was one time when they came in very freely and there were from 35 to 40 inmates, many of them knights of the road. Now there are but 15 prisoners of all kinds in the jail and but few of them are tramps.

The model county hospital that has been building at South Norridgewood for three months past, is completed, and those who have inspected its interior have nothing but praise for its construction, arrangement and completeness of detail. It is a credit to the county and a blessing to the community.

Several complaints have been made to Agent E. N. Perry of the Society for the Protection of Animals, of Portland, about a flock of sheep on Bangs Island not being properly cared for. Mr. Perry went to the island yesterday and found the sheep in a very poor condition. He is now endeavoring to get the sheep properly cared for.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

To Run Four Days a Week.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 21.—Kent Woolen Co's mill at Centerville was shut down last night for the remainder of the week. The superintendent says that for a time the mill will be operated only four days a week, but that there will be no reduction in wages. A large amount of business is being done and the mill will be restored.

No Change at Lawiston.

Lawiston, Jan. 21.—There is no change in the strike situation here. A special meeting of the mill spinners of the Lawiston district is called for this evening to discuss the situation.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

A bit of state history was revealed in a Farmington sculpt Sunday. It was during Governor Abner K. Parlin's administration that G. A. Lafayette made his memorable visit to Maine. It was on Sunday that the general concluded that visit and proposed leaving the State for the purpose of Governor Parlin's removal of him from office.

On that day and said, "If you will prepare your trip until Monday I will myself escort you to the State line with all the military honors." But Lafayette, accustomed to the continental Sabbath, declined on not attending his plan and the Governor's removal of him from office was postponed until Monday.

A report recently issued from the department of vital statistics shows that 681 divorces were decreed by the courts of Maine in 1896, the largest number decreed in any of the New England States. Two divorces were granted before the married life lasted six months; 100 before one year; 215 before one year and six months; 161 before one year and ten months; 105 before one year and twelve months; 88 before one year and fifteen months; 77 before one year and eighteen months; 68 before one year and twenty months; 57 before one year and twenty-four months; 47 before one year and twenty-seven months; 37 before one year and thirty months; 27 before one year and thirty-three months; 17 before one year and thirty-six months; 7 before one year and thirty-nine months; 7 before one year and forty-two months; 7 before one year and forty-five months; 7 before one year and forty-eight months; 7 before one year and fifty-one months; 7 before one year and fifty-four months; 7 before one year and fifty-seven months; 7 before one year and sixty months; 7 before one year and sixty-three months; 7 before one year and sixty-six months; 7 before one year and sixty-nine months; 7 before one year and seventy-two months; 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